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New Park Superintendent On the Job at Jean Lafitte, New Orleans Jazz

NEW ORLEANS - South Louisiana's New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park and Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve welcomed new park superintendent, Charles E. "Chuck" Hunt in late November.

National Park Service (NPS) Southeast Regional Director Bob Vogel said, "We are extremely pleased to have a seasoned and energetic leader like Chuck lead the team at Jean Lafitte and New Orleans Jazz. I know that Chuck's vast experience in managing Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts and sites across the National Park Service, as well as American Battle Monuments Commission sites in Europe, will be of great benefits to the parks."

"I am both honored and thrilled to be named as superintendent of Jean Lafitte and New Orleans Jazz National Historical Parks. I love the great cultures and rich resources this region offers. I have already met many great partners and look forward to working with them to advance these great parks," Hunt said.

Hunt brings with him leadership experience in the NPS and as regional director in Western Europe for the American Battle Monuments Commission. In that role, he managed 23 geographically dispersed sites in France, the United Kingdom, Italy and Belgium. Hunt directed all aspects of management including diplomatic affairs, intergovernmental relations, partnerships, budget formulation and execution, personnel management, resource management, interpretation, and special initiatives. Hunt's previous National Park Service experience includes assignments as superintendent of Fort Davis National Historical Park, management assistant and natural resource program manager at Big Thicket National Preserve, and special assistant within the Department of the Interior where he engaged in high-level policy and political issues and support to the Clean Water Action Plan.

Hunt has held senior positions with the Bureau of Land Management and Senator Jeff Bingaman's staff specifically working on energy and environmental issues. Hunt was previously a Presidential management intern serving the Bureau of Land Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Originally from Houston, TX, Hunt earned a Bachelor's Degree in Public Policy from Lamar University and a Masters in Public Administration and Natural Resources from Texas A & M University.

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